

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, replace paragraph [0014] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0014] In one embodiment, the structural members comprise connection rails used to connect the transport platform to one or more adjacent containers. In another embodiment, the structural members comprise vertically extending guide members which are fixed to container ship bulkheads and which defines define so called “cell guides” therebetween therebetween.

Page 11, replace paragraph [0063] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0063] In the illustrated embodiment, the interlocking of the telescopic members 106A with the base member 106B of the pillars 106 is achieved using locking pins 114 and a series of apertures formed in each of the stationary base and telescopic upper ends 106B, 106A of the pillars. Once the upper ends 106A are in the required relative positional relationship with respect with respect to the base members 106B, a locking pin 114 can be inserted through each set of mating apertures to lock the pillars in the desired condition. The locking pins 114 may take the form of bolts so that a nut can be placed on the ends to ensure that vibration and the like does not induce any undesirable movement or disengagement of the pins. Alternatively, the pins 114 may be smooth and can be provided with some other suitable form of securing arrangement such as cross pins or the like to prevent unwanted movement during shipping.

Page 15, replace paragraph [0080] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0080] The upper ends of pillars 410 are connected with upper cross-members 412 which are, as shown in plan in Fig. 5 in Fig. 11, provided with a set of vertically extending slots 416 that correspond positionally with the vertically extending slots 406 formed in the end members 402 of the platform 400. Fig. 7 shows how the aligned slots 406, 416 enable engagement with the vertically extending T-guide members T/G and hold the platforms 400 against lateral movement within the hold HLO.